

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Kerry Zang et al.
Serial No.:	10/777,514
Filing Date:	February 11, 2004
Confirmation No.:	5263
Group Art Unit:	3738
Examiner:	Cheryl L. Miller
Title:	CONICAL, THREADED SUBTALAR IMPLANT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir,

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action dated November 4, 2009 (the "*Office Action*"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments. Please amend the Application as follows.